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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 AND 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,  
applicants hereby make the following documents of record in  
the above-identified patent application:

"Texas Instruments Puts the MRO Buy On Line,"  
Purchasing, p. 37, May 19, 1994.

"IBM Technical Viewer/2 General Information  
Manual," 1991.

"IBM Technical Viewer/2" product information  
brochure, IBM Corporation, undated.

"Guide to Using First Place," Automated Catalogue  
Services Inc., August 1993.

"KAware3 Retrieval Systems," Knowledge Access  
International, Inc., 2685 Marine Way, Suite 1305, Mountain  
View, California 94043, 1993.

"Grainger Electronic Catalog User's Guide,"  
Edition 6, pages 29-33, and 49-50, 1994.

"Automated Catalog Systems," product information  
brochure, Distribution Development Corporation, 1355 Willow  
Way, Suite 110, Concord, California 94520, 1994.

"SweetSource User's Guide," Sweet's Electronic  
Publishing, 99 Monroe Avenue NW, Ste. 400, Grand Rapids,  
Michigan 49503-2651, March 1, 1993.

"Aldrich Catalog on Disk Reference Manual,"  
Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc., 1001 West St. Paul Avenue,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, 1994.

"Easel to Move Development to Windows," Infoworld,  
May 16, 1994.

"Easel Eases the Way to OO," Computer Select, June  
1994.

"STOCKCLERK Inventory Management System" product  
information brochure, IOBar, Inc., P.O. Box 9767, The  
Woodlands, Texas 77367, 1993.

"Fisher STOCKPRO" Inventory Management System"  
brochure, Fisher Scientific Company 1990.

"Systems By Fisher/Inventory Management  
System/STOCKPRO® - Single-User Version" user manual, pages  
6-1 to 6-14, 6-21 to 6-26, 7-1 to 7-18, 8-1 to 8-20, 9-1 to  
9-6, and 10-1 to 10-8, Fisher Scientific Company, February  
28, 1989.

"Fisher Scientific PurchasePro" user manual,  
version 1.1, Introduction pages 1-6, File Editors pages 1-  
12, Purchase Requisitions pages 1-12, Purchase Orders pages  
1-8, 23 and 34, Vendor Quotes page 1, Fastback Orders pages  
1-8, Reports page 1, ReportPro page 1, 1984.

"LIGHTNING" Fisher's Electronic Order Entry  
System" brochure, Fisher Scientific Company, 1989.

"LIGHTNING" Order Entry and Information System"  
user manual, pages 1-6, 19-54, and 91-96, Fisher Scientific  
Company, 1990.

"Fisher Reliance" System" brochure, Fisher  
Scientific Company, 1989.

"Fisher 88" catalog, pages 1536, 1549-67, Fisher  
Scientific Company, 1987.

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the  
accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are  
enclosed herewith.

Applicants also wish to bring the existence of  
another electronic catalog, the "Black Box" system, to the  
attention of the Examiner. Applicants do not possess any  
written information about this system; however, it is known  
that the system is capable of creating and manipulating  
purchase orders. The "Black Box" system is listed on the  
accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Applicants further wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the Product Information System For Sales And Marketing ("PRISM" system) produced by MediaShare Corporation of Carlsbad, California. Applicants have included (and listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449) an excerpt from "A PRISM Electronic Catalog Proposal: Product Information System For Sales And Marketing," prepared for Fisher Scientific and presented by MediaShare Corporation on August 31, 1993. The PRISM system is capable of keyword searching and order building.

Applicants further wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the requisition/purchasing systems described in the above-referenced application at page 2.

In addition, applicants wish to bring the following references (each of which is also listed on the accompanying PTO Form-1449), to the attention of the Examiner. These references, which generally relate to requisitioning, order entry or inventory management systems, were disclosed as part of the July 7, 1993 Information Disclosure Statement submitted in connection with co-pending, commonly assigned Johnson et al. application Serial No. 08/042,168, entitled "Requisition and Inventory Management Systems."

<u>U.S. Pat. No.</u>	<u>Patentee(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,135,241	Stanis et al.	January 16, 1979
4,141,078	Bridges, Jr. et al.	February 20, 1979
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4,656,591	Goldberg	April 7, 1987
4,887,208	Schneider et al.	December 12, 1989
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4,958,280	Pauly et al.	September 18, 1990
4,972,318	Brown et al.	November 20, 1990
4,984,155	Geir et al.	January 8, 1991

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5,117,354	Long et al.	May 26, 1992
5,168,444	Cukor et al.	December 1, 1992
5,168,445	Kawashima et al.	December 1, 1992
5,077,665	Silverman et al.	December 31, 1991
5,103,079	Barakai et al.	April 7, 1992

Applicants respectfully request that the documents cited herein be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application, and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialled by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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